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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON CYPRUS

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1. UK CHARGE WAS TOLD BY FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY KOMATINA ON AUGUST WY THAT GOY VIEWS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS AS "UNREALISTIC". IN KOMATINA'S VIEW, IT WAS ABOUT AS "REALISTIC" AS SOVIET PROPOSAL SOME YEARS AGO FOR 10 PERCENT REDUCTION OF DEFENSE BUDGETS OF PERMANENT UNSC MEMBERS.

2. OTHER NATO SOURCES HERE TELL US THAT TANJUG STATEMENT ON SOVIET PROPOSAL (REFTEL) WAS BASED ON FOREIGN SECRETARIAT BRIEFING. YUGOSLAV MEDIA HAVE SINCE, HOWEVER, AVOIDED COMMENT ON PROPOSAL. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC, HAVE NOTED IN TALKS WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE THAT THEIR POSITION CALLS

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FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL BY ALL RPT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. YUGO-SLAVS AT THE VERY LEAST DO NOT EXPECT TURKS TO ACCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL.

3. KOMATINA ALSO TOLD UK CHARGE THAT GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN NATO WAS NOT "DEEP ENOUGH". UK CHARGE UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN THAT GREEK DECISION DOES NOT SEEM COMPLETELY FIRM. IN ANY CASE, KOMATINA SAID, GREEK ACTION WOULD NOT BE AS FAR-REACHING AS FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. MEANWHILE, MINIC AND OTHER YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO STRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE POLITICAL INSTABILITY OF GREECE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE IN THEORY YUGOSLAVS MIGHT BE ATTRACTED BY POSSIBILITY OF GREECE JOINING NONALIGNED GROUP OR LEAVING NATO, DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A MOVE IS PROBABLY OUTWEIGHED IN THEIR VIEW BY DANGERS OF GREEK INSTABILITY. WE BELIEVE YUGOSLAVS TO BE GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER THREAT TO THEIR SECURITY INTERESTS POSED BY CYPRUS CRISES AND ITS AFTERMATH, AND CONSIDER THAT YUGOSLAVS WOULD PREFER A STABLE GREECE WITHIN NATO TO AN UNSTABLE BUT NON-ALIGNED GREECE.
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